

**SEMINOLE COUNTY
ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

December 10, 2015
7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bryan Wilson
Marianne King
Stephen Browne
Gayle Hair
Heather Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr Stephen Wiseman, DVM
Therese Dickinson

OTHERS: Bob Hunter, Animal Services Manager
Ann Colby, Assistant County Attorney
Denise Sims, Clerk to the Board

The following is a non-verbatim transcript of the Seminole County Animal Control Board meeting held December 10, 2015 at 7:00 PM, at the Sheriff's Office/Public Safety Building, 100 Bush Boulevard, Sanford, Florida.

I. Call to Order.

Stephen Browne called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

II. Roll Call.

Roll Call was taken by the Clerk. A quorum was met.

III. Minutes: September 10, 2015.

Stephen Browne called for review of the minutes. Heather Smith motioned to approve the minutes. Gayle Hair seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously and the minutes were approved.

IV. Public Commentary.

Stephen Browne announced that the Board would take public commentary and called for the first speaker.

Nick Maas, 4872 Shoreline Cir, Sanford, representing Seminole Pets Alive spoke before the Board about eliminating unnecessary euthanasia rates in Seminole County, through other avenues such as reducing intakes, adoption, and rescue groups.

Carla Wilson, 702 Heather Ln, Winter Springs, spoke before the Board about the partial ban on pet shops in the city of Casselberry, and the Greyhound Protection Act requiring tracks to report injuries, disposition of retired greyhounds, and required kennel licenses.

No other speakers were present, Stephen Browne closed public commentary.

V. Old Business.

A. Follow up of Animal Services initiatives.

- Bob Hunter discussed follow up on Pet Smart Charities application that is delayed due to their legal agreement.
- Bob Hunter updated the Board on the success of the Tag Day event held October 25, 2015, 120 Seminole County Residence took advantage of free rabies vaccines with the purchase of county license. Social media and the use of the County's variable messaging sign were used to advertise this event.
- Bob Hunter informed the Board that the list of Pet Rescues contracted with the county has been placed on the County's web site, and will no longer be part of the Animal Control Board agenda package.
- Bob Hunter discussed the proposed changes to County Ordinance Chapter 20, parts I & II specifically regarding citations and the illegal harvesting of wild life (part III).
- Bob Hunter informed the Board of the purchase and of an external blue tooth speaker for use at Board meetings, after a comment at a previous meeting from the public about not being able to hear the meeting discussions.
- Diane Gagliano spoke before the Board and updated them about the Dolly's Foundation Reunion program, under which 26 dogs and 4 cats redeemed from Animal Services have taken advantage of the program funded by a grant.
- Diane Gagliano also updated the Board on the outreach program suggested at the previous Board meeting in

September. She contacted the Oviedo Rotary Club as suggested by a Board member.

- B. Stephen Brown began discussing ways of lowering euthanasia rates, which was a discussion item to be continued from the last meeting. Mr. Maas was called upon by the Board. All parties involved in the discussion agreed that the Community must become involved, if a plan could be discussed in order to achieve the goals suggested. Mr. Maas stated he has people and rescue groups willing to work with Animal Services, and the Board along with Mr. Hunter advised him to send all interested parties to shelter to fill out the necessary forms and they could begin working with the shelter. Mr. Maas stated he would like to have a meeting with Mr. Hunter to discuss him bringing in new volunteers and rescue groups, and he was reminded that all interested parties could contact Bob directly. The discussion was tabled to be continued at the next Board meeting.

VI. New Business

A. Introduction of New Board Member.

- Board was informed that Gayle Hair and Therese Dickinson were completing their current terms with the Animal Control Board, and that they would be replaced by new members John McGrath, and Michelle Quick, who were approved by the Seminole County Commission on 12/8/15.

B. Animal Services Initiatives (Bob Hunter).

- Addressed the Board regarding changes being proposed to the County's Fee Resolution, to include the microchipping of animals owned by the general public, waiving of written warnings.
- Also spoke of changes to the Pet Pals program that added the family or caretaker of disabled persons, and active and retired military personnel. Heather Smith motioned to support Animal Services in these changes and Gayle Hair seconded.

C. Community Events (Diane Gagliano).

- Spoke regarding the current “Home for the Holidays” effort (\$12.00 adoptions), in cooperation with other regional shelters in Central Florida.
- Spoke regarding an Amazon Wish list for Animal Services, where customers can go to Amazon and purchase items to be sent directly to the shelter.
- Spoke referencing the Non-Profit group TEARS that works with Animal Services to provide medical care for animals brought to the shelter with severe injuries that are normally untreatable at the shelter
- Spoke regarding TEARS partnering with Seminole County Animal Services, during the Subaru “Home Town Charity” Event.
- Spoke about partnership TEARS has with Amazon, where a customer can donate 5% of their purchase to TEARS.
- Spoke regarding the number of fosters and adoptions done through Hollywood Houndz in cooperation with the shelter.
- Spoke about an app for smart phones called “Walk for a Dog”, that tracks your steps to donate funds to TEARS.
- Spoke about the impact social media has had on Community Awareness of the animals and the shelter.

D. Future Agenda Items

- Board Members asked for clarification of statistics for new Cisco phone system at the next meeting.

VII. Reports.

- A. Kennel Statistics (Intakes & Outcomes), revised dates on 2nd page.
- B. Pet Data, Inc. Statistics - County Tag/License Purchases.

VIII Confirmation of Next Meeting(s).

Meeting dates were confirmed; no scheduling conflicts at this time.

IX. Adjournment.

Heather Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting, Stephen Browne seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk to the Board

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